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To the Honorable Board Members of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

We are pleased to present our monthly report with a general overview of the main projects and activities.

Health Initiatives:

The Latino Mental Health Navigator project continues to meet its objectives. The Commission submitted its quarterly report to OhioMHAS and received positive feedback on the report. Technical visits have been completed for all grantees and follow up plans will be drawn in early January. Director Cavanaugh is working with the fiscal office to request controlling board approval for the additional \$150,000 for the Latino Mental Health Navigators project.

We hosted a successful meeting with the Ohio Latino Mental Health Network and discussed key priorities for the group in 2023, including their participation in the 2023 Hispanic Legislative Visit Day. Our team will continue supporting these professionals who play such an important role in improving the mental health access and services for Latinos in Ohio.

Education:

PPC Officer has been working closely with TESOL Ohio and Esperanza Inc. to plan content for the Hispanic Legislative Visit Day. OCHLA will be presenting at the TESOL Advocacy workshop in early February as well.

Workforce and Economic Development:

Director Cavanaugh met with Eric Leah, Deputy Director at the Office of Workforce Transformation for a “meet and greet” and to discuss some of the major programs underway, particularly the High School Tech Internship Pilot Program and the Individual Micro-



credential Assistance Program. As a result of the meeting, a plan to promote some of these programs was outlined and we will continue conversations to increase the flow of information about the programs from this office for the Latino community.

Civic Engagement:

Regular legislative updates have been shared through our [newsletter](#) this month highlighting among other topics, the recent new Ohio Voter ID Laws. Planning is underway for the Latino Legislative Visit Day with a majority of speakers and workshops confirmed. More details will be shared at the February Board Meeting.

Latino Community Report:

Director Cavanaugh and PPC Officer Melean are working with Anisa Klein, PhD Candidate at OSU on planning an event to release the Commission's Latino Community Report regarding "Latino H2A Workers and Their Importance for Ohio's Agricultural Industries". We will be hosting a networking event in collaboration with OSU Extension Office to launch the report in early February.

Latino Affairs Summit:

Our team held the first meeting with Kent State University Officers to begin planning for this year's summit which will take place on Friday, September 15, 2023. The first set of meetings for the formation of advisory subcommittees by track will be held in early February. The four tracks for the hybrid event will be: Education, Health, Workforce and Business Development, and the Youth track. Invitations are extended to commissioners who may be interested in participating on the subcommittees.

Increasing Access to Information:

LCN Mary Grace Sanchez and Director Cavanaugh met with Rob Lucas from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Watercraft to discuss an outreach campaign to promote the recently released [Ohio Boat's Operator's Guide in Spanish](#). This project will launch in early February and will include a joint press release.

Our Commission co-hosted with Su Casa in Cincinnati the first virtual meeting of the Unaccompanied Minors Council, a network of service providers, educators, advocates and those serving the needs of immigrant youth. Our goal is to support the increase of information, resources and collaboration to assist this segment of the Latino population.

Presentation of 2022 DHO Awards:

Commissioner Greg Guzman presented the DHO award to Deputy Chief Martinez in Toledo and Director Cavanaugh presented the DHO Award to Dr. Arianna Hoet and Nuestra Familia Award to WELD Barb Smoot in Columbus this month.

On the administrative front, we welcomed two new intern students who will work with our Latino Community Network under the supervision of our Latino Community Liaison. Additionally, L. Gonzalez has joined the Public Policy Center as a short term contractor to assist with the Legislative Visit Day event and other major projects.



Additionally, Director Cavanaugh traveled to McAllen, Texas for the National Hispanic Mental Health Technical Assistance Centers Board meetings from Jan -17 to Jan-20.

The fiscal report is attached to this report for information.

Meetings Attended:

04 Jan—Trauma Informed Team Advisory Group
 05 Jan—Elizabeth Marengo, Northeast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
 05 Jan—Lauren Gonzalez, OSU Student
 06 Jan—Andrea Brooker, Ohio Holocaust & Genocide Memorial & Education Commission
 06 Jan—Daniel Nilsson, James Hannon, S. Broghammer, K. Kennedy, Kent State University
 09 Jan—Dr. Marilyn Sampilo, The Cleveland Clinic
 09 Jan - Trauma Informed Care Advisory Group
 09 Jan—Daniel Nilsson, Kent State University
 10 Jan—Leiana Riggs, Ohio Dept. of Health
 10 Jan—Robert Lucas, Ohio Dept. of National Resources
 11 Jan—Christina Vera, Femergy
 12 Jan—Latino Connection Debrief
 12 Jan—Anisa Kline, PhD Candidate, OSU
 12 Jan—Victor Leandry, El Centro de Servicios Sociales (LMHN Technical Visit)
 12 Jan—Jeff King, Otterbein University
 12 Jan—Ibrahima Sow and Corinne Bix, United Way Union County
 17 to 20 Jan— Hispanic Mental Health Technical Transfer Centers Board Meeting, Texas
 23 Jan—Kronos Onboarding, Ohio DAS
 23 Jan—Equity Advisory Council, Franklin County
 23 Jan—Daniel Nilsson, Kent State University
 24 Jan—Debrief, Chair Manuel Lopez
 24 Jan—Prof. Stephanie Aubry, Spanish in Ohio class, OSU
 25 Jan—Jessica Sutton, Latino Mental Health Navigators
 25 Jan—English Learners Advisory Council
 26 Jan—Eric Leah, Deputy Director, Office of Workforce Transformation
 26 Jan—J. Orwig, Assoc. Of State & Provincial Psychology Boards
 26 Jan—Carmen Leibas, Mike Ferrer, 2023 CHIP Conference Discussion
 26 Jan—Unaccompanied Minors Council
 26 Jan—James Welch, Martin Iniquez-Diaz, OSU student interviews
 30 Jan—Dr. Marilyn Sampilo, The Cleveland Clinic
 30 Jan—Beth W. & Rachel A. , OSU School of Social Work
 30 Jan—Ladan X. & Rachel A., OSU School of Social Work
 30 Jan—Angie Lloyd, OhioJusticeFoundation.org
 30 Jan—Columbus City Council, presentation of DHO, Nuestra Familia Awards
 31 Jan—World Language Middle School visit, Columbus
 31 Jan—Commissioner Yahaira Rose, Onboarding.



Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Annabel Meleán, Public Policy Officer

Summary of Successes:

Legislative Update:

Began tracking 21 introduced bills from the 135th General Assembly

1. Education and Workforce Development

[Senate Bill 1: Revise Education Law and Department duties](#)

[Senate Bill 5: Establish the Workforce Voucher Program](#)

[Senate Bill 11: Enact the Parent Educational Freedom Act](#)

[Senate Bill 14: Expand veteran eligibility to teach without license](#)

[Senate Bill 15: Authorize Military License Plate Program permanent registration](#)

[Senate Bill 17: Add capitalism to high school financial literacy standards](#)

[Senate Bill 27: Ratify Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact](#)

[Senate Bill 29: Regards education records and student data privacy](#)

2. Health and Safety

[Senate Bill 9: Revise medical marijuana law](#)

[Senate Bill 28: Enter Physician Assistant Licensure Compact](#)

[Senate Bill 33: Require Medicaid applicant certify knowledge of estate recovery](#)

[Senate Bill 40: Enter the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact](#)

3. Politics and Government

[Senate Bill 37: To make changes to the laws governing driver's license suspensions](#)

4. Business, Commerce, and Labor

[Senate Bill 2: Authorize subdivisions to designate tax exempt residential zones](#)

[Senate Bill 3: Create Ohio Community Revitalization Program](#)

[Senate Bill 12: Regards veteran-owned Business enterprise certification program](#)

[Senate Bill 30: Allow person under 16 to work after 7 p.m. during the school year](#)

[Senate Bill 31: Establish executive oversight on Unemployment Compensation Programs](#)

[Senate Bill 32: Grant immunity for self or other-defense in certain circumstances](#)

[Senate Bill 39: To exempt certain baby products from sales and use tax](#)

[Senate Bill 43: To modify the homestead exemption for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran.](#)

Voter Education:

Shared informational flyer on new voter registration requirements through the Public Policy Center Newsletter and the Bi-Weekly Resources & State Information Newsletter, as well as sharing the information at all of the commission's networking meetings.

Networking and representation of the Commission:

Participated in meetings with Director Cavanaugh and the Department of Education related to Limited English Learners. Additionally, PPC Officer is working on a plan to reach out to legislators



who represent regions with high Latino demographics with visits starting in February.

Presentations:

The Latino Affairs Commission will be presenting at the TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Advocacy workshop on Saturday February 4th. The workshop will provide an educational overview on relevant policy that impacts English Learners, how to advocate in government spaces, and have a facilitated conversation on challenges and success faced by English Learners in the school system.

Meetings Attended:

1/6: Meeting with Kent State Administration on Latino Summit
 1/10: Latino Summit Chairs Meeting
 1/11: Legislative Visit Day Meeting with TESOL and Esperanza Inc.
 1/11: White House New American Task Force Briefing
 1/11: U.S. Department of Labor EMPLEO Information Session
 1/12: Meeting with Anisa Kline Center to go over Latino Community Report
 1/12: Meeting with Dr. Ariana Hoet, DHO Recipient
 1/13: Meeting with Anisa Kline and OSU staff
 1/18: Bi-monthly Meeting De-brief with Hispanic Chambers of Commerce
 1/18: Canton & Akron OCHLA Networking Meeting
 1/18: Legislative Visit Day Follow up Meeting with TESOL and Esperanza Inc
 1/20: TESOL Advocacy Workshop Meeting
 1/23: TESOL Advocacy Workshop Meeting with Shayla Davis
 1/24: White House New Americans Task Force Launch of Welcome Corps Listening session
 1/24: Apoyo Cincinnati Networking Meeting
 1/24: Webinar with WestEd Cost Study and TESOL
 1/25: English Learner Advisory Council Meeting
 1/26: Ohio Attorney General Human Trafficking Summit
 1/26: Meeting with PSYPACT Executive Director, Janet Orwig
 1/26: CHIP Hispanic Leadership Conference Meeting
 1/26: Unaccompanied Minors Council
 1/30: Latino Summit Chairs Meeting
 1/30: DHO & Nuestra Familia Award Presentation at City Hall
 1/31: Visit with Lilly and Victor Leandry to bilingual school- World Language Middle School

Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Mary Grace Sanchez, Community Liaison

Summary of Successes:

Outreach and Social Media:

Started plans for the 2023 social media calendar with initial campaigns underway for the Act Early Child Health Campaign, the Latina Health and Prevention Campaign and have initiated conversations with the Department of Natural Resources for an informational campaign regarding Boating Guidelines in Ohio.



Constituent Services:

Created the 2023 Constituent Inquiries database and handled 10 inquiries this month. We have also started planning for the updates of our resource directories for this year.

Building Community Engagement:

The LCN continued participating in community calls and networking meetings. The Latino Networking for the Lower Northeast Region was well attended and a great success.

Latino Networking Meetings: The meetings that took place this month include the Latino/Hispanic Collaborative, NOAHH Meeting, Canton & Akron Latino Networking Meeting, Youngstown Latino Networking Meeting, APOYO Latino Meeting, and Latino Alliance Meeting.

	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022
Constituent Inquiries:	15	12	21	15	15	18	23	17	15	22	24	12
Translations	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	1	0

Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

Outlet	Data	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Facebook	Reach	5,558											
	Page Visits	309											
	Impressions	17											
Instagram	Reach	7,800											
	Page Visits	44											
	Impressions	1,200											
Twitter	Reach	1,448											
	Page Visits	27											
	Impressions	1,500											
LinkedIn	Followers	280											
OCHLA	Page Views	2,256											



Meetings Attended:

Jan 4 — Latino/Hispanic Collaborative
Jan 5 — Meet and Greet - Latino Affairs Commission, Chamber
Jan 10 — Latino Affairs Commission & ODI
Jan 10 — Ohio Boats Operator's Guide Conversation with OCHLA
Jan 12 — Otterbein - Ohio Latino Affairs Commission
Jan 12 — United Way Union Co & OCHLA
Jan 13 — 2023 DHO Meeting
Jan 17 — NOAHH Meeting
Jan 18 — Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Meeting
Jan 18 — Canton & Akron Latino Networking Meeting
Jan 19 — Youngstown Latino Networking Meeting
Jan 24 - Boating Safety 2023
Jan 24 — Briefing on Welcome Corps Program Launch
Jan 24 — APOYO Latino Meeting
Jan 24 — Brief presentation for OSU students
Jan 25 — Heart Disease in Latina Awareness Campaign | TCH, AHA and OCHLA Collaboration
Jan 25 — Latino Alliance of Northwest Ohio
Jan 27 — Interview with Latino Affairs Commission
Jan 30 — 2022 Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan & Nuestra Familia Award Presentation
Jan 31 — Mailchimp discussion - contacts import and meeting notice

Respectfully submitted,



January 2023 Fiscal Report

LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Account	ALI	Budget Period	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available	REMARKS
500	148321	2023Q1	79,590.00	62,276.95	0	17,313.05	21.75	Payroll payments on schedule
500	148321	2023Q2	92,855.00	81,571.44	0	11,283.56	12.15	
500	148321	2023Q3	79,590.00	23,044.64	0	56,545.36	71.05	
500	148321	2023Q4	92,855.00	0	0	92,855.00	100	

510	148321	2023	5,000.00	3,046.93	6,000.00	5,953.07	39.69	Contractors
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520	148321	2023	126,470.00	35,836.19	0	90,633.81	71.66	Operating Expenses
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520	148602	2023	24,558.00	0	0	24,558.00	100	Rainy fund appropriation, account 6010
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LATINO MENTAL HEALTH NAVIGATOR GRANT

500	148602	2023Q1	2,246.00	0	0	2,246.00	100	Funding for FY23 for all accounts related to the grant are on target.
500	148602	2023Q2	2,246.00	0	0	2,246.00	100	
510	148602	2023	87,101.00	23,954.50	32,145.50	31,001.00	35.59	
550	148602	2023	399,012.00	183,187.08	100,290.69	115,534.23	28.96	

Prepared 2/2/2023
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